

**FISCAL MEMORANDUM
SB 1532 – HB 1327**

April 13, 2007

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (005465): Broadens the eligible experience for awarding prior services credits used to determine entry level compensation for assistant district public defenders. Increases from seven to 12 years the maximum service credits.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - \$25,300 Recurring

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$75,000 Recurring

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- Based on prior experience levels of all assistant district public defenders hired during FY03-04, FY04-05, FY05-06 and FY06-07, it is estimated that this bill would have impacted one person. The recurring expenditures for additional prior service credit are estimated to be \$25,313 per year.
- Approximately 16 assistant district public defenders are at a lower level of compensation than they would have received if the maximum service credit is increased from seven to 12 years. The recurring increase in salary and benefits is \$49,731.
- Funds that are not spent on higher salaries under current law due to seven-year prior service limitation would revert to the Treasury at the end of the fiscal year.
- Increase is not retroactive.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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